

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 15, 2019

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Henry Heimuller, Commissioner Margaret Magruder and Commissioner Alex Tardif, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Heimuller called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES

Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 Board meeting and May 8, 2019 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Sherrie Ford, Columbia Health Services, was present to discuss her recent email to the Board regarding the potential change to the alcohol, drug and tobacco prevention education program and the recommendation from the CHS Board. Also, Mike Paul presented at their meeting yesterday to address the proposed contract with CHS and Sherrie presented those suggestions from the CHS Board. She asked that the Commissioners take these perspectives into account when considering the contract. Commissioner Heimuller suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the County Commissioners and the CHS Board to work out the details of the contract.

PROCLAM MAY 19-25, 2019 AS “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”:

Commissioner Heimuller read the proclamation into the record and with that, Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to proclaim May 19-25, 2019 as ***“Emergency Medical Services Week”***. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL LETTER FOR CAT:

Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Tardif seconded to ratify the ESG Certification of Local Government Approval for nonprofit Organization Receiving ESG Funds from State Sub-recipients letter to Community Action Team. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Heimuller read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Ratify the Select to Pay for 05.13.19.
- B. Approve job description for Transit Director.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- C. Order No. 16-2019, “ In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Birkenfeld, Oregon to Zephanian Emmons and Lindsay Emmons, Tax Map ID No. 6N5W06-BC-05200 and Tax Account No. 25283”.
- D. Quitclaim Deed in the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property in Birkenfeld, Oregon to Zephanian Emmons and Lindsay Emmons, Tax Map ID No. 6N5W06-BC-05200 and Tax Account No. 25283.

The motion carried unanimously.

ORDER 29-2019: EXEMPT PSC FOR CONSTRUCTION MGMT SERVICES:

Tristan Wood, Assistant Public Works Director, came before the Board to the address Gable Road improvements. This is a 10 year project that started as a “safe routes to school” program about 15 years ago and is a 3 phase project. Through grants, the county has received \$3 million for Phase 1, for sidewalks and bike lanes. They have contracted with David Evans & Associates for the design and engineering process. The City of St. Helens also provided some funding through their SDC funds.

TFT Construction was the low bidder, and the only bidder at \$2.6 million. That price is being renegotiated to lower the costs.

Both the amendment to the David Evans agreement and the contract with TFT will be added to the consent agenda next week.

Drainage Easements for the culvert replacement project on Gable Road will also be on the agenda next week.

Order No. 29-2019 was addressed. After discussion, Commissioner Tardif moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve Order No. 29-2019, “In the Matter of Exempting a Personal Services Contract for Construction Management Services for Gable Road from the Screening and Selection Procedures of the Personnel Services Contracting Rule”. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Magruder attended the AOC legislative meetings on Monday. The legislative session is moving fast with a lot on their plate.

Afterwards, she attended the Clatskanie School District Budget Committee and they approved their budget Monday night. She noted that 32% of their personnel budget goes to PERS.

Tonight she will be attending the Clatskanie PUD meeting.

COMMISSIONER TARDIF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tardif attended an Opioid Crisis meeting yesterday. There is a lot of great work happening on that committee.

He mentioned that is it Mental Health Awareness Month and he suggested that we all be vigilant and help take care of those around you.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller reported on the Salmonberry Project. The City of St. Helens owns 2,800 acres of property in the watershed and Salmonberry Lake. They have partnered with the county to work on making this a recreational park with a trail system for biking, horseback riding, motorized and non-motorized bikes. A community outreach meeting was held last night with about 100 in attendance. There was a lot of positive feedback but there is still a lot of details to be worked out.

Tomorrow is the county's first budget meeting for FY 2019-20.

A Traffic Safety Fair will be held at Bucini Hall on Saturday 10-2.

HAPPY 103RD BIRTHDAY TO LILLIAN MICKELSON:

The Board presented Lillian Mickelson with flowers, a card and a challenge coin to help her celebrate her 103rd birthday. The challenge is to have her return for her 104th birthday. Lillian has lived in Columbia County since she was 7 years old and went to school with Commissioner Magruder's father.

There was no Executive Session held.

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With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of May, 2019.

NOTE: An audio CD of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties. A video of the meeting is also posted on our website at www.co.columbia.or.us.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: _____
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh
Board Office Administrator